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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 09/981,983 :
RCE FILED: AUGUST 5, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3663
FOR: NUCLIDE TRANSMUTATION :
DEVICE AND NUCLIDE
TRANSMUTATION METHOD

REQUEST FOR SUBSEQUENT SUSPENSION UNDER C.F.R. §1.103(a) or (c)

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SIR:

Applicants respectfully request that prosecution in the above-identified patent application be suspended for additional six months under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a) or alternatively for three months under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c).

As stated in the previous request for suspension filed August 5, 2005, a cooperative experiment has been conducted by an Independent Administrative Institution, RIKEN, in relation to the nuclide transmutation technique according to the present invention. Furthermore, the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) has also started on May 20, 2005, a cooperative research with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. on this nuclide transmutation technique. The cooperative research is scheduled to continue through May 2007 and the schedule has not been changed so far. It is believed that the cooperative research with NRL will provide experimental results in support of the operability of the present invention and Applicants wish to submit such experimental results in the present application.

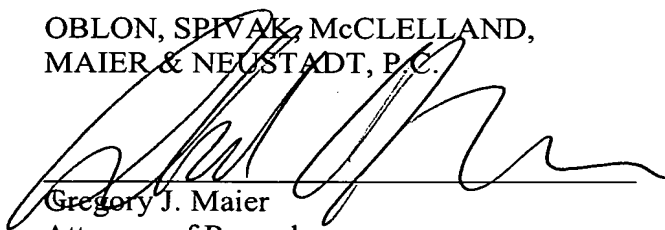
In addition to the cooperative research with NRL, Dr. Kitamura's research team at Kobe University in Japan announced in the 12th International Conference on Condensed Matter Nuclear Science, which was held from November 27 to December 2, 2005, that Mo was produced from Sr. It is expected that the research team will publish their experimental data in September 2006, and Applicants wish to submit the publication which may be helpful in the examination of the present application.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that there are good and sufficient reasons for the requested suspension and that the requirements for 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a) are met.

If, however, the above cooperative research does not comprise "good and sufficient reasons" as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a), Applicants alternatively request a three month suspension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c), as the processing fee required under §1.17(i) is attached herewith. The Commissioner is also authorized to withdraw any fee insufficient from the undersigned attorney's account no. 15-0030.

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